

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the following paragraphs beginning at page 1, lines 8-24, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is related to pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/820,097 (Atty. Dkt. No. SUN1P827/P6095), entitled "ENHANCED VIRTUAL MACHINE INSTRUCTIONS", filed on an even date, and hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

This application is related to pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/703,361 (Atty. Dkt. No. SUN1P809/P5500), entitled "IMPROVED FRAMEWORKS FOR INVOKING METHODS IN VIRTUAL MACHINES", which is hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

This application is related to pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/703,356 (Atty. Dkt. No. SUN1P810/P5510), entitled "IMPROVED METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR NUMERIC CONSTANT VALUE INLINING IN VIRTUAL MACHINES", which is hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

This application is related to pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/703,449 (Atty. Dkt. No. SUN1P814/P5417), entitled "IMPROVED FRAMEWORKS FOR LOADING AND EXECUTION OF OBJECT-BASED PROGRAMS", which is hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.